

WOMAN OF FASHION

Bright and Startling Combinations Seen These Fall Days.

Plaid in Reddish Array—The Black Velvet Case—A New Haul—Some Dainty Neckties.

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Don't you think you'd look charming in your great grandmother's gown? A wonderful black velvet, sweeping out royally behind you, a bodice cut shockingly low, a soft fall of rich old lace, a general effect of old fashioned womanliness and grace. Dear me, the thought of it makes us wish that we, too, had been born in those days when the dames wore such pictures of quaint beauty and staidness. But never mind, perhaps we shall be able soon to follow in their footsteps. We are making great strides in their direction this fall, at any rate we have the black velvet, which has been declared quite the thing for even young girls we have the empire cut, and we have the rare old lace. To be sure we have to almost metamorphose our black velvets by combining them with bright silks, but then we have gained some points at least, and may well rest content for a while. We'll make the pretty silk bodices to go with the black velvet skirts and the short high-cuffed black velvet sleeves, since fashion has so decreed, and wait for future developments.

In the mean time, let us hope there will be no further advance in colors for street costumes. For the past few weeks both materials and trimmings for street gowns have steadily assumed more and more radiant hues. They positively shine in all the colors of the rainbow. Why, I saw one gown that had a bright scarlet skirt, trimmed at the edge with great slashes of black velvet, a bodice of brightly colored plaid silk, the most prominent colors of which were blue and green; short over-jacket of black velvet, with the corners braided in white silk, a big black velvet bow fastening the jacket front together; long black velvet streamers at the back of the dress; a high black velvet collar adorned with ostrich feathers, and to top it all, gold-colored gloves to match a fine stripe in the silk. Such a combination! Could you think of any more colors that might be put in there?



AUTUMN CLOAK.

Another was a deacon's lace plaid. It had a plaid skirt, a large plaid with bright colors, and a deep band of plain gold at the edge. Its owner, however, was possibly startled by the effect, for she had concealed a great part of it by a second and overskirt of plain dark blue, which flared away, however, almost entirely in front, being out a wide inverted V. The bodice was of the bright plaid, and a wide gold belt made it more brilliant still.

A striking Paris gown just over is made of fine chambray-colored cloth, and has its skirt, slightly trimmed with scalloped, semi-circular in shape, of a cloth of like color with the dress, finely striped in turquoise blue velvet. The bodice is cut off extremely low and square, opened considerably at the front to the waist. The space thus left is filled with the same striped velvet material. A little heading of the cloth joins the two prettily. The sleeves are a combination of the striped material, and in lieu of a puff the heading of cloth stands up on each shoulder. The belt is peculiarly shaped, perfectly plain all round, except immediately in front it runs about five inches down in a very slender point.

Here's an extremely pretty dress—a little more subdued than usual. Myrtle green "corset" striped in velvet a shade or two darker. The skirt is hung with the striped diagonal, and is draped in front. At one side, also, there's a large box plait. A deep band of velvet of an extremely rich dark green borders the skirt and black velvet buttons adorn the box plait. The waist has first a plaided deep chemise and then below a tight fitting bodice, all of the dress material, but separated by rounded velvet bands. A gathered velvet belt, very high on the left side, is drawn down at the right into a gleaming buckle. The puff of the sleeve is cut open to reveal a darker green velvet one beneath. The hat that accompanies this gown is very pretty—a cap of black lace with high gathered lace standing up in the back with an albatross; pale pink roses running around the crown and a single one peeping out beneath in front.



PARIS AFTERNOON GOWN.

Velvet is not the only popular cloak material; black for street and afternoon wear; black for general wear is quite the craze. The black and red crave of a short time ago promises to decline and fall away. But it is probable that the sombre shade alone will stand among the foremost all winter. Plain black isn't becoming to every one, by any means. But these pretty materials, flecked with a few dashes of bright color, are welcome substitutes. The silks, too, dotted with little flower sprays and fanciful designs, are good to combine with plain black. The make serviceable, economical dresses that may be worn on many an occasion.

Another magnificent cloak made its way out of a fashionable shop on Broadway this morning and went slowly up the avenue, as so to give every one plenty of opportunity to gaze. The heavy dark green cloth was gathered—although only slightly—at the neck, and surrounded by a Valois collar in black velvet. The fullness was again caught at the waist, under wide ribbons that tied there. Beautiful white and gold embroidery adorned the front and back of the mantle, forming a corset, and standing up in high crease on the shoulders. Deep velvet platings were on the

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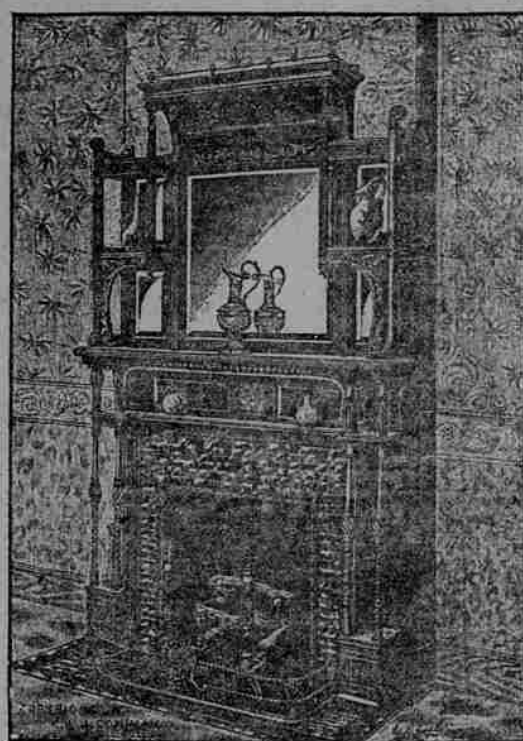
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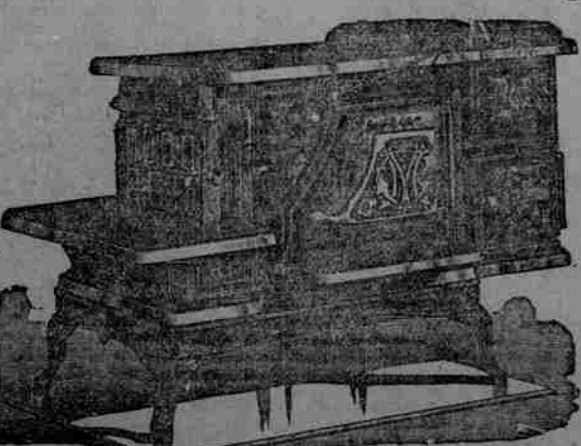
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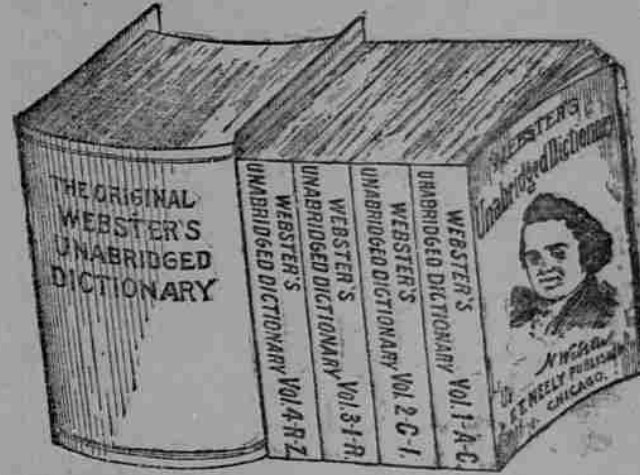
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